

SPLC News & Calendar of Events 09 01-2021

WORSHIP

- **10:00 am worship through September 5**, in-person and livestreamed. **Starting September 12**, worship will be in-person at 9:00 am and in-person and livestreamed at 11:00 am. To view livestreamed or recorded services online, go to: <https://www.stpaulmissoulamt.org/watch-live> This page provides a link to the worship service along with a link to the bulletin and a way to make your offering online.
- **Weekly MCAT broadcasts:** SPLC services are broadcast on Wednesdays at 4 pm on MCAT, Spectrum cable channel 189.
- **PrayGround is Open Again!** After careful consideration, the CYF committee chose at their last meeting to reopen the PrayGround during worship. To help kids from different families minimize contact with each other, there will be marked spots on the floor where they can sit and play during worship. All kids will still be required to wear masks.
- **Watch a replay of this past Sunday's service** here: https://youtu.be/8yGUSW_I2-E There have been 42 views of this video since Sunday.
- **Readings for Sunday, September 5:** Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

COVID GUIDELINES UPDATE:

While we continue to have in-person worship, we are now implementing the following COVID guidelines due to the recent surge in Delta variant cases:

- Wearing of masks in worship
- Use of hand sanitizer upon entering church
- Engage in physical distancing
- Hymns sung by designated singers; congregation, hum or sing softly
- No physical sharing of the peace
- Discontinue the coffee hour fellowship - fellowship outside as desired
- When communion is offered, please pick up wafer and juice packet at the back of the church as you arrive and take the packet with you to your pew
- PrayGround is open for socially distanced groups. Colter is providing Children's Messages
- Please stay at home if you are sick

Jesus taught that love of God and love of every neighbor are two inseparable aspects of one great commandment for the people of God (Matthew 22:35-40). For the sake of the common good, we will have to consider the health and the vaccination status of people who gather and worship at St. Paul. We lament the pain and difficulty of these limitations, and we look forward to the day when we no longer have to wear masks and maintain physical distance from those outside our immediate households.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Office Hours, St. Paul Lutheran Church:** 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, or by appointment.
- **I Can Do That! With the return to two Sunday services on September 12**, there is a need to fill additional openings for Worship Assistants: power pointers, lectors, prayer leaders, and ushers. If you participated in any of these capacities pre-COVID, please consider participating again. Or, if you would like to find out more about what is required for each position, contact Volunteer Coordinator Sharon Tandberg at the church office at 549-4141 or at volunteer@stpaulmissoula.org. You can sign up for any of these Worship Assistant openings by [CLICKING HERE](#).
- **Haiti Crisis:** On August 14, a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti. Over 2,100 people were killed, thousands more were injured, and more than 26,000 homes were damaged or destroyed. Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with partner organizations in the communities to provide food, nonfood items, and temporary shelter. Other areas of support include psychosocial care, water and sanitation, and creating sustainable livelihoods through agriculture and livestock. Your gifts will support earthquake survivors. Gifts to "Haiti Crisis" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the earthquake until the response is complete. To help support relief efforts, you may write a check to St. Paul Lutheran, designate "Haiti Crisis" on the memo line, and drop the check in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Thank you.
- **Men's Bible Study Brunch will resume on Thursday, September 2, at 12:00 pm in Room # 210**, the Fellowship Room. All men are welcome to join in this study. Questions? Please call Pastor Chris, 549-4141, ext 221.
- **Women's Bible study of the book of Matthew will begin Thursday, September 2, at 1:00 pm in Room # 208.** The study will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. All women are welcome and encouraged to study and share the gospel of Matthew. We are all learning together. If you have questions, contact Hazel Sorensen at 544-5913 or

Betty Rude at 543-3219.

- **Women's Quilt Making, Thursdays at 9:00 am in the Lower Level Fellowship Hall.** All women are invited to come and help tie quilts. No experience is necessary. Come and have a "knotty" time!
- **A Memorial Service for Bob Bakke is set for Thursday, September 2, at 2:00 pm at Garden City Funeral Home.**
- **Women of Spirit book group** will resume book study on Monday, Sept. 13th at 7:00 in Room # 208. (Note the change in location.) Our first book for fall is **GOD HAS A DREAM** by Desmond Tutu. We meet weekly and discuss a couple chapters at a time. All women are welcome; if you have questions, please call Jan Turbak at 251-3649.
- **UPDATE on the 35th Gary Turbak Memorial Back-to-School Clothing Project:** What a way to celebrate the 35th Back-to-School Clothing Project! **We had \$13,000 to spend on clothes for more than 450 children in our valley!** That's way more money raised and many more kids served than in past years!! Half the money came from individuals and half came from community businesses. Eight churches collected "tons" of socks and underwear.

About 270 children came to the church for clothes – many more than last year! The boxes of clothing left over were taken to Family Resource Centers in various schools where they will be distributed to kids in need. Approximately 150 more children will get clothes and shoes at their schools.

Thank you to more than 30 people who volunteered MANY hours to carry out this event. Special thank yous go to Sheila Gray for shopping for most of the clothes, Vicke Schend for purchasing the shoes, Debbie Allison & Sharon Tandberg for handling online grant applications, Karen Sitte who handled the money & bookkeeping and Elaine Ryan who helped with the bulletin & newsletter notices. A heartfelt and huge thank you goes to all the generous people who donated money and prayed to make this wonderful event possible! It was a rewarding experience for all involved. Thank the Lord for giving us the opportunity to help so many grateful people in need in our community. For more information refer to the September newsletter! 😊 Jan Turbak

- **St. Paul/Habitat for Humanity Build Day took place on August 25:** Thank you to everyone who helped build or furnish lunch for the crew! **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, for the next St. Paul Habitat Build Day!!**

- **Fall Faith Festival after the 11am service on September 12th:** The Children, Youth and Family Committee will host St. Paul's annual Fall Faith Festival and invite everyone to join in the fun. Come and enjoy **food, games, prizes, and desserts**. This free event will be held outside and is an intergenerational event meant for people of all ages: young folks and the young-at-heart. If you're interested in volunteering or donating a dessert or prize, please contact colter@stpaulmissoula.org or volunteer@stpaulmissoula.org.

- **Clay Studio of Missoula Class** September 17th at 4pm

Learn how to handbuild your own unique clay creation with the instruction of the experts at Clay Studio of Missoula. This class is intergenerational and open to anyone from St. Paul, but space is limited to 10 participants. If you're interested in attending, contact colter ASAP: colter@stpaulmissoula.org.

- **Confirmation Kickoff** September 19th at 6pm in Room # 210, Fellowship Room

Calling all confirmation students and their parents! This first confirmation class of the year will be a chance to meet Colter, talk about confirmation this year, and learn about what a "Trekker" is. Confirmation is offered for those in 6th-8th grade and will meet most weeks during the school year for faith formation, education, and fellowship.

- **GROW Kickoff** September 22nd at 5:00pm in Room # 210, Fellowship Room

GROW is St. Paul's weekly time for kids in grades K-5 to learn about their faith and have fun together. GROW looks similar to what many know as Sunday School, but meets on Wednesday evenings instead. We invite parents to attend our first session to learn more about GROW and sign up to help through the rest of the fall.

- **WELCA Women's Fall Retreat:** Register by **September 7** to get the **EARLY BIRD RATE** for the **WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT**, October 15-17, 2021, at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Motivating Speaker, Fun, Fellowship, Service Projects, and Music, Great Food (no cooking)! Bring a friend along! Registration and details at www.Impluchurch.org/womensretreat Questions? Contact Nancy Solum at 406-240-0023 or WomensSpringRetreat@gmail.com Sponsored by Women of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) Five Valleys and Great Divide Clusters. **If you would like a ride to this event, call the church! We have a member who is driving and can take riders.**

- **Fall Rummage Sale, September 9 and 10**

The Fall Rummage Sale is set for Friday, September 10, from 8 am until 3 pm and Saturday, September 11, from 8 am until noon if we feel we can safely manage the Health Department guidelines. Please be patient. Rummage items may be brought to the Lower Level Fellowship Hall of the church beginning Sunday, September 5 between 8 am and 11 am and 1 pm, and on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am – 12:00 pm. Sale set-up begins on Thursday, September 9 at 8am. We really need more helpers for this event. Please contact Betty Rude, 543-3219, if you can lend a hand.

- **Generosity and Joy for All Seasons, September 26, 10:00 am, in the Lower Level Fellowship Hall (LLFH):** Explore ways to engage in charitable giving to support the missions, programs and visions of non-profit organizations near and dear to you and your family. Watch a role play of a conversation between a charitable gift planner and an interested donor. Then enjoy a Q and A to open creative and joy-filled ways to *leave a legacy*. This mini workshop will be led by Doug and Grace Schroeder Scott – Live to Give, LLC. Grace serves as Senior Development Consultant for Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Doug founded HeartWise Generosity, LLC and is a highly-committed volunteer for FLBC. The Schroeder Scotts are passionate about philanthropy and love to share the *joys of opening gifts!*
- **Furniture Sale for Children Youth and Family Ministry:** Furniture in the chapel room on the 3rd floor has been marked for sale, and the money raised will go to Children, Youth, and Family Ministry. All furniture will be “you-haul” and Colter can help provide some muscle if needed. Contact Colter to view the furniture, make a donation offer, and arrange pickup: colter@stpaulmissoula.org.

FLATHEAD LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP: UPCOMING FLBC RETREATS & EVENTS

Visit <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/> for information about our year-round programming and registration for each of these retreats.



- **FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL & AUCTION** *October 9th, 2021*
Help FLBC raise funds to ensure no one is turned away due to inability to pay through camperships! This special event also coincides with the FLBC Annual Meeting (taking place at 2:30 pm on Saturday, 10/9).

<https://one.bidpal.net/flbcauction/welcome>

- **CRAZY ABOUT QUILTING & CRAFTING RETREAT** - *Register by October 21, 2021*
November 4-7, 2021 Bring your quilt and craft projects and work alongside friends old and new on the west shore of Flathead Lake. <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/quiltcraft-retreat/>
- **ADVENT "PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS" RETREAT** - *Register by November 19, 2021*
December 3-5, 2021 Prepare for the Christmas season by taking intentional time to slow down and enjoy the season. Make awesome crafts, cut your own Christmas tree, and soak in time for worship and prayer this Advent. <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/advent-retreat/>
- **Please contact the church office if you have a particular need**, as we have members who are interested in helping, and we can match needs with volunteers. Don't be shy. Help us be the church by assisting you!!

PRAYERS

This week we pray for: † healing and recovery for Joanne Lindstrand; † comfort for Lori Nedbalek and she mourns the death of her sister; † peace and comfort for the families of Bob Bakke and Dallas Summerfield as they mourn their deaths; † healing and comfort for Dave Huerta; † strength and hope for the people of Afghanistan, Haiti and for all who are affected by Hurricane Ida; † patience, healing, and respite for Ian's best friend Alex; † all lands that are suffering from drought; † all who are affected by wildfires around the globe and safety for wildland firefighters; † peace and comfort for Linda Aronson & family, as her brother begins the final stages of Alzheimer's disease; † peace and comfort for Kristin's aunt, Melba Thomsen and family; † peace for Justin and Dawn; † healing and recovery for Bruce Culler Ginny, Gene Alex, and all who are ill; † strength for Jan's brother Joe; † relief for all who face depression, anxiety, financial instability; † peace for Diane's mother and for Bonnie; † wisdom and safety for Troy and Joshua Hiniker; † all who grieve; † comfort for the dying; † protection and rejuvenation for all working in healthcare facilities with surging numbers COVID patients; † people to step up to receive coronavirus vaccines; † effective distribution of COVID vaccines to all the world; † all who are in prison; † shelter and food for the homeless and hungry; † a flurry of common sense and kindness. **Amen**

If you have a prayer request, send us an e-mail at stpaul@stpaulmissoula.org, leave us a message at the church office at (406) 549-4141, or fill out a prayer request card at <https://www.stpaulmissoulamt.org/submit-a-prayer-request>.

GIVING

Your support of the ministry of St. Paul is greatly appreciated. A donation can be made on our website at www.stpaulmissoula.org/give, by choosing "Give" in the church app, or by mailing a check to the church office. Thank you for your continued generosity!

God's Peace,

Pastor Chris & the St. Paul Staff (406) 549-4141